in two-wheelers under the provisions of the Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989. One of the representation has been made by M/s. Bajaj Auto Limited who have sought lead time for complying with this provision to enable them to carry modifications on their vehicles for incorporating the blinker system and for developing sources of supply for this system.

(c) to (e) Provision of blinker system in a vehicle not only involves developing sources of supply of components but also modifications of the vehicle for fitting this system. Besides, design and technical parameters of blinkers system is notuniform for allcategoriesof two-wheelers The auto ancillary industry would certainly need some time t gear up to meet the substantial additional demand in the wake of the enforcement of the new Motor Vechicles Rules. TheMinistry of Industry has carefully considered all aspects of the matter and are of the view that reasonable time should be allowed to the manufacturers of two-wheelers and the auto ancillary industry to suitably organise thier production factfties before enforcing the relevant rule.

Production of Streptomycin Sulphate

*291. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA :

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 89 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th July, 1989 and state :

(a) what was the price fixed initially for the formulations based on Streptomycin Sulphate, Chloroquin Phosphate, Erythromycin and its salts and what were the subsequent prices, alongwith dates of fixation of price of each pack and each strength of these medicine;

(b) whether it is a fact that all the three drugs are being produced in the country and his Ministry is monitoring the production of these drugs ; and

(c) if, what was the production of each drug of each producer from the 1st January, 1980 to the 31st December, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) The details of leader prices of the formulation in respect of Streptomycin Sulphate, Chloroquin Phosphate, Erythromycin and its salts to the extent available are given in the Annexure-I. [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 142].

(b) The production of these drugs are monitored from 1982-83 onwards.

(c) The required details to the extent available are given in the Annexure-II [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure N. 143].

Collaboration with Foreign Companies for Manufacture of Consumer Items

*292. DR. BAPU KALDATE :
SHRI A.G. KULKARNI :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be plesed to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that liberalised industrial policy has enabled M/s. Bata Shoe Company and M/s. Carona Shoe Company to enter into collaborations with foreign companies for production of shoes in this country :

(b) whether Government are aware that such foreign collaborations in consumer items lead to a drain on foreign exchange and also affect the indigenous capacity adversely; and

(c) whether Government have decided policy changes in the matter of self-reliance by allowing such foreign collaborations?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) M/s. Bata Shoe Company and M/s. Carona Shoe Company have been granted approvals for the manufacture of rubber and canvas sports and special application shoes. The available indigenous capacity does not match the technological requirements for such sports and special applications shoes. The terms of collaboration also envisage export obligations resulting in net foreign exchange earnings.

(c) Foreign Collaborations for manufacture of consumer items are considered on the merits of each case guided by factors such as the nature of technology involved, availability of indigenous technology, potential for export earnings or import substitution and need to up date existing technology to become competitive and to suit consumer preference.

Recovery of Cost of HBJ Pipeline from Consumers

*293. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what pricing policy has been adopted for different categories of consumers in various regions for using the natural gas supplied through HBJ pipeline; and

(b) whether the cost of the pipeline is to be recovered from the consumers in the States of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh and if so, in what manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) With effect from 30-1-1987 Government fixed the price of natural gas supplied through the HBJ Pipeline uniformly at Rs. 2250/1000 M^3. This is exclusive of Royalty, taxes, other local levies, etc.

The gas price includes transportation cost which has been worked out on the basis of pipeline cost. Such cost will be recovered as a result from all the gas consumers along the HBJ pipeline

Hydro-Energy Complex at Tehri

*294. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Miniser of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of the country's biggest hydro-energy complex at Tehri has been cleared by the Soviet seismologists; and

(b) what steps have been taken to safeguard the dams and reservoirs located nearby from the possible threat of earth-quake?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no existing major dam or reservoir in the close vicinity of Tehri Dam site. There is, however, a barrage upstream at Maneri Bhali Hydro-electric Project Stage-I and another barrage for Maneri Bhali Hydro-electric Project Stage-II under construction. These projects do not involve any dam or reservoir, as no storage of water is involved in these schemes. A Committee of Experts as well as the Soviet Consultants have studied the environmental, rehabilitational, geological/geo-morphological and seismic aspects of Tehri project and have arrived at a safe and economic engineering structure.